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Lebanon under siege

Battle-scarred Beirut as seen through a shell hole in a building located on the "green line" dividing the eastern and western sections of the city. An abandoned Syrian checkpoint stands in the foreground.

The current round of fighting in Lebanon between Syrian troops and Lebanese Christian militia was a "coordinated and contrived" affair sparked by the presence of Secretary of State **Alexander Haig** in the Middle East.

The purpose, according to informed Mideast analysts, was to attract Haig's attention to the critical situation there and to detract as much as possible from any impact Haig might have on other issues in the region, especially strategic alliances with the United States against the Soviet Union.

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How U.S. policy shift affects the Middle East

On his recent Mideast tour, Secretary of State **Alexander Haig** made a positive impression on the governments of Egypt and Israel and alerted the leaders of Jordan and Saudi Arabia that the new administration is rethinking its policy for the entire region.

Authoritative sources told **International Report** that Egyptian President **Anwar Sadat** assured Haig that he would not object to the stationing of troops in the Sinai that could supplement a rapid deployment force if Washington goes through the proper motions of first seeking a U.S. peacekeeping force and, failing that, some form of multinational force.

Haig made clear at each stop that the United States is not now committed to any of the options being mentioned as solutions to the deadlocked Camp David peace process. This marks a reversal from the Carter administration policy which had been shifting toward support of PLO involvement in the

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by national security adviser **Richard Allen** in Washington, that indicated the United States supported such raids against the PLO.

Tried to stay on track

While these and other issues swirled around Haig, the secretary of state tried to stay on track with his agenda of discussing regional security with Mideast allies (Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel) and ways of countering Soviet threats in the area. By and large, analysts say, whatever success Haig claimed for his mission, it could have been more substantive if the Lebanese situation had not flared up at the same time.

According to one expert who spent years in Lebanon, the fighting will continue as long as neither side is willing to mount a major offensive. Neither side is willing to do so and risk losing in the process.

Said one analyst: "The Syrians could lose thousands of men and could wipe out the Christians if they wanted to. But there has never been such a major assault. The reason is nobody wants to lose. They either have the status quo or a confrontation which could result in a major loss. Basically, it's a stalemate with neither side able to win. So the fighting continues."

"Only the civilians die in the process," the analyst continued. "The soldiers are too smart. They know you have to be behind a sandbag and not in the street when the shelling starts. Also, there are agreements as to when and where the shelling is to take place. It's a cynical operation that takes civilians as the casualties."

Look for a new round of major flareups to commence around June, when Israeli elections are scheduled.

In addition to the difficulty in fielding disputing and warring parties in the Middle East, Haig is also hamstrung by his own State Department.

So far, there have been no changes of top personnel in the department's Near East bureau; most of the officials there are holdovers from the Carter administration, intent on conducting policy according to the old way.

This was evidenced during Haig's recent Mideast trip. Haig singled out the Syrians for instigating the current round of attacks against the Christians, but U.S. officials countered these statements and privately told Syrian officials that, in reality, nothing had changed.

Morris Draper, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, went out of his way to mollify Syrian authorities by stating that the United States actually approved of Syrian involvement in the U.N. peacekeeping force. The Syrians were so upset with Haig's criticisms that at first they refused to meet Draper. But they were apparently satisfied after he attempted to neutralize Haig's comments.

BACKGROUNDER

A top U.S. diplomat has been dispatched to Iraq to continue negotiations on restoring normalized relations with that country.

International Report was the first to report that Iraq was tilting to the West and was seeking to improve relations especially with the United States (see **International Report** Nov. 26, 1980). Now, Secretary of State **Alexander Haig** has sent Deputy Assistant Secretary of State **Morris Draper** to Baghdad, carrying a message of interest on behalf of the Reagan administration.

Baghdad broke relations with the United States at the time of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, and since then has revolved closer to the Soviet orbit. Recently, however, with the Iran-Iraq warfare, President **Saddam Hussein** has turned toward the West for support against Tehran which has been seeking its aid from new friends in Moscow, Syria and Libya.

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The Central Intelligence Agency has become virtually "useless" for collecting accurate information and analyzing it intelligently, critics charge. This is because the best people left the agency following attacks by Congress and Carter White House restraints that left the CIA demoralized and incapable of intelligent action.

Two recent example of CIA fumbling: a secret analysis paper not so mysteriously "leaked" to the press concluded no "credible evidence" existed that the Soviet Union was substantially behind international terrorism. This was despite abundant evidence collected by other intelligence agencies (DIA and in the State Department) as well as reports prepared by West European intelligence agencies and available to the CIA.

The other instance of the CIA missing the boat involves its recent assessment that the Soviets could not have built a titanium-hull submarine able to dive deeper, travel faster and outmaneuver existing U.S. subs. Now, of course, the existence of the titanium sub ("Typhoon") has been verified and Pentagon planners are scrambling to figure out how U.S. carriers will be able to evade the lethal subs.

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Turkey, struggling to solidify relations with the United States and Western Europe, finds itself fighting a propaganda battle with leftists who are intent on isolating that strategic country.

Informed sources in Istanbul told **International Report** that the extreme left wing "created terrorism in Turkey before the Sept. 12 coup and have moved (in significant numbers) to Europe, especially West Germany." They are trying to influence the leftists in European parliaments, the sources report.

One military official reported that Turkish intelligence intercepted a letter from a Turkish leftist in West Germany, instructing his comrades to "send us evidence of torture in Turkey. If you don't have it, for God's sake, make it up!" the official quoted.

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Libya's strongman Col. **Moammar Qaddafi** is shrewdly positioning himself with Turkey and France. Turkey is currently receiving bids to construct an aircraft manufacturing plant. The U.S. F-15 and the French Mirage are considered front-runners. U.S. officials are reportedly reluctant to finance such a deal, and Qaddafi has offered to finance the Mirage. France and Libya are at odds over the invasion of Chad and Qaddafi's offer has interesting political overtones. This is a deal that bears watching.

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Moscow has deployed 220 of the SS-20 missiles, 20 more than previously reported.

"With their SS-20 missiles alone, the Soviets already have deployed about 660 warheads, more warheads than are planned for NATO's long-range nuclear force modernization program," the ministers said in a communique. Each missile has a range of 3,000 miles, which is 25 percent more than was previously reported.

These revelations dovetailed with the growing controversy over NATO's plan to upgrade its defenses in Europe by deploying 572 Pershing II and cruise missiles. That plan has encountered opposition from several European nations, notably West Germany, whose governments are under pressure from left-wing anti-nuclear forces.

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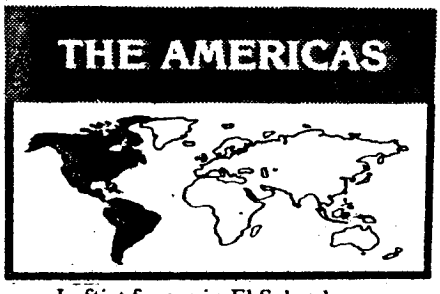
French hats in the ring

The French presidential campaign is underway, with the left, right and center fully represented.

All told, there are 10 contenders vying for the two run-off positions in the April 26 elections. The three chief candidates are President **Valery Giscard d'Estaing;** his rival to the right, **Jacques Chirac;** and Socialist Party leader **François Mitterand.** Also commanding a significant following is **Georges Marchais,** the pro-Soviet Communist candidate.

Polls thus far have shown contrasting forecasts about the election outcome, leading to charges of manipulation and political rigging. There is a general consensus, however, that Giscard d'Estaing and Mitterand are running a close race, with Chirac gaining strength.

New terror campaign in El Salvador



Leftist forces in El Salvador appear to be launching a new offensive aimed at destabilizing the Duarte government through a series of assassinations.

During the past month, six mayors, deputy mayors or district governors have been killed in political violence. In addition, according to the U.S. State Department, there have been at least four attempts on the life of President **Jose Napoleon Duarte.**

Intelligence officials said it is often difficult to determine whether leftist or rightist forces were responsible for the murders. Last week, 24 civilians were killed in what some people claimed was a mass execution by El Salvador's Treasury Police. The report could not be confirmed.

The U.S. administration condemned the slayings and called on the Duarte government to resist violence from both sides.

James Cheek, deputy assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, said that the leftist guerrillas had adopted a terrorist strategy of assassinating government officials, but right-wing extremists are also assassinating middle-level technicians in the land redistribution program.

Pentagon officials said the Salvadoran army was adding 5,000 men to its present force of 8,000 to increase not only its anti-guerrilla strength but also to improve discipline of the security forces.

The Reagan administration said recent events in El Salvador reinforced its determination to support the Duarte government. In a major foreign policy victory for the president, the House Inter-American Affairs subcommittee voted down amendments seeking to cut off military aid to El Salvador in 1982 and withdraw all 56 U.S. military advisers now stationed in the strife-torn Central American country.

The administration has designated $101 million for El Salvador including $26 million in military aid and training funds, $40 million in security-related economic support funds and $35 million in development assistance.

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Argentina gets help

The House subcommittee also handed President Reagan a second foreign policy victory by thwarting an attempt by liberal Democrats to retain a ban on sales of military equipment to Argentina.

Relations between the United States and Argentina—severely strained during the past four years as a result of the Carter administration's "human rights" policies—have improved markedly since Reagan became president.

Argentina, in fact, has been one of the few Latin American countries to openly support the U.S. position in El Salvador.

An Argentine general has said Argentina would be willing to train Salvadoran troops in counterinsurgency warfare if El Salvador asked for help.

Last week, U.S. Army Chief of Staff **Edward Meyer** visited Argentina in a tour aimed at analyzing the "Marxist offensive" in the Americas.

Meyer met with President **Roberto Viola** and Army Commander and military junta member **Leopoldo Galtieri.** Galtieri and Meyer reportedly reached an agreement where both armies would consult each other on a periodic basis.

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Colombian President **Julio Cesar Burbay Ayala** has canceled official visits to the Soviet Union and China scheduled for this month.

The Colombian leader cut off diplomatic relations with Cuba last month after discovering evidence that Havana trained M-19 guerrillas who attempted an invasion of Colombia near the Ecuadoran border.

Mexico and Venezuela have offered to work together to help find a settlement to the crisis in El Salvador.

The offer came in a final communique marking a three-day official visit to Mexico by Venezuelan President **Luis Herrera Campins.** Both nations also warned of the dangers of "internationalization" of the Central American conflict.

The planned cooperation of Mexico and Venezuela joins the region's two largest oil producers—with $23 billion in oil exports between them. But it also makes for strange bedfellows. Mexico has close ties with Cuba and opposes the U.S. policy in many Central American issues while Venezuela generally supports Washington and keeps its distance from Havana. In El Salvador, Mexico sympathizes with the opposition while Venezuela backs the civilian-military junta.

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Moon Paper Hopes to Take Up the Slack

By Robert H. Williams
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When New Yorkers wake up this morning they will have one local daily newspaper to choose from, and that will be The News World, the 24-page morning paper put out by friends and members of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church of America.

That may not be so bad, according to News World Vice President (Editorial) Michael Trulson, a 28-year-old journalism graduate of Kansas State University. Trulson said last night that The News World has been "gaining definite acceptance" in New York for its daily and Sunday content of 24 pages of news, general interest, sports, comics and racing news.

The newspaper, since its beginning on Dec. 31, 1976, has been printing 20,000 papers a day out of its non-union Mount Kisco, N.Y., printing plant (at The Patent Trader), mostly for home delivery, but some for newsstand sales in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, the Bronx, but not Staten Island.

Last night, Trulson said, the paper was gearing up for a press run of 100,000—5 times normal—for newsstand sales this morning, at a dime a copy ($1 a week for home delivery), and has the press capacity to go up to between 300,000 and 500,000 depending on how long the strike lasts.

Will this put the Moon paper in the black? Trulson ducked the question, but indicated that it couldn't hurt. The parent corporation is News World Communications Inc., a nonpublic but for-profit corporation. The paper, Trulson said, is financed by friends of Moon—businesses operated by members of the Unification Church of America.

The newspaper employs about 120 persons, Trulson said, about 60 on the business side and 60 on the editorial-production side, many of which are members of Moon's church, including Trulson, he said.

The paper, he said, has already won three awards: the Silurians (veteran newspaper people in New York) prize for the best feature story; the New York Press Club's Cub Reporter of the Year Award; and the Newspaper Guild's prize for the best black and white feature photograph.

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